

REMARKS

Original claims 1-20 and newly added claims 21-25 are currently pending in the present patent application.

In an Office Action mailed June 9, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 5-7 and 14 under the first and second paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 112 for failure to enable and particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter recited in these claims.

Referring to paragraph 55 of the present application the graphical design window 1200 of Figure 12 includes a working folder tabs object 1204 positioned to the left of a canvas object 1202. The working folder tabs object 1204 includes an SIB button or pane 1206, a services pane 1208, a service data tables pane 1210, and a messages pane 1212 which determine the content displayed by the working folder tabs object. When each pane 1206-1212 is selected, the working folder tabs object 1204 displays corresponding icons, with the type of icons being displayed in the working folders tab object corresponding to a "mode" of the working folder tabs object as recited in claims 5 and 14. For example, when the SIB pane 1206 is selected by clicking on the pane, the working folder tabs object 1204 functions in a first mode and displays the currently available SIB libraries and the SIBs in each library, as shown in FIG. 12. When the services pane 1208 is selected, the working folder tabs object 1204 functions in a second mode and displays icons representing the service graphs 207 and icons representing the subroutine graphs 800. Selecting the service data tables pane 1210 causes the working folder tabs object 1204 to function in a third mode and display any service data tables 212 currently available for use by the developer. Finally, when the messages pane 1212 is selected the working folder tabs object 1204 functions in a fourth mode and displays icons representing the message sets 214 (FIG. 6) currently available for use as well as the messages MSG in each message set.

There is no requirement under Section 112 that the precise language utilized in the claims be present in the specification. From a reading of claims 5 and 14 in view of the specification, one skilled in the art would clearly understand the use of the term "mode" as it relates to the recited working folders tab object. Claims 5-7 and 14 satisfy Section 112 and therefore the rejection of these claims on this basis should be withdrawn.

Claims 1-20 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0126584 A1 to Creamer *et al.* ("Creamer") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,642,942 to Crook ("Crook").

With regard to original claims 1-20, the Creamer patent is a prior art reference against the present application as of the filing date of January 3, 2002. The present invention as set forth in original claims 1-20 was conceived and reduced to practice prior to the January 3, 2002 filing date of Creamer, as evidenced by the attached copy of a declaration being submitted under Rule 131.

The inventor was out of town traveling on business upon the filing of this amendment and could not execute a copy of the submitted declaration. The undersigned will secure the inventor's signature as soon as possible and submit a signed copy of the declaration via facsimile. The signed copy of the declaration thus should reach the Examiner prior to or shortly after receipt of this amendment so that the Examiner has such declaration when considering this amendment.

In view of the submitted declaration, claims 1-20 are allowable over the art of record.

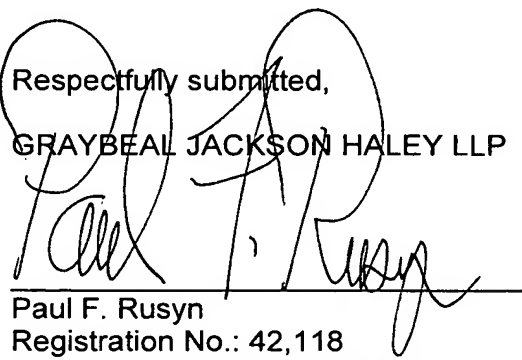
New claim 21 recites in a graphical user interface for a computer a method of displaying objects for designing a service graph using a plurality of service independent building blocks. The method includes the operation of displaying a working folder tabs object that displays in one mode service independent building blocks and in another mode service subroutine icons that may be placed onto the canvas to design a service graph. Creamer neither discloses nor suggests functionally forming such subroutine icons and thus does not disclose displaying such subroutine icons in a working folder tabs object. Only individual blocks are contemplated by Creamer and not functionality for forming and displaying subroutine icons corresponding to groups of such interconnected block that are repeatedly used. Accordingly, the combination of elements recited in claim 21 is allowable. New dependent claims 22-25 are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 21 from which they ultimately depend.

Formal drawings accompany this amendment as requested by the Examiner in the Office Action.

The present patent application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the number listed below for a telephone interview if, upon consideration of this amendment, the Examiner determines any pending claims are not in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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